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SUBJECT: FORTHCOMING SAHELIAN MEETINGS

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1. ON THEORY THAT ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE, WE CAN COPE WITH VISIT OF DAP TEAM TO NIAMEY DURING PERIOD NOVEMBER 3 - NOVEMBER 14 (REF D). HOWEVER, IF PURPOSE OF EXERCISE IS TO HAVE SESSIONS MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL TO USG AND GON WE HAVE GRAVE DOUBTS ABOUT TIMING.

2. THERE ARE PROBLEMS OF OVERLAP -- DAP VISIT WILL OVERLAP WITH CWR WORKSHOP (REF A & B) AND EMBASSY/AID MISSION ARE ALREADY FULLY COMMITTED TO SUPPORTING LATTER AT RISK OF RAILING TO DO JUSTICE TO FORMER.

3. THERE ARE PROBLEMS OF LOGISTICS -- THERE ARE SIMPLY NOT ENOUGH CARS IN THIS TOWN OR HOTEL BEDS TO COPE WITH 50 GUESTS EXPECTED FOR CWR WORKSHOP AS WELL AS OTHER INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS ALREADY SCHEDULED FOR THIS PERIOD.

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4. MOST IMPORTANT, THERE IS PROBLEM OF MOBILIZING GOVERNMENT

TO FOCUS ON DAP OBJECTIVES. DAP TEAM AS NOW SCHEDULED FOLLOWS
ON VISIT OF FRENCH MISSION TO DISCUSS FRANCE-NIGERIEN AID
PROGRAMS FOR NEXT YEAR AND COINCIDES WITH VISIT OF CANADIAN
TEAM WITH SAME PURPOSE AND WITH OSRO TECHNICAL TEAM, ALL OF
WHOM WILL BE TAKING TIME OF SAME PLEASE DAP WISHES TO SEE.
IN CIRCUMSTANCES, DAP MEETINGW WITH GROSSLY OVERWORKED AND
SEVERELY UNDERMANNED GON DEVELOPMENT STAFF CAN BE LITTLE
MORE THAN PERFUNCTORY COURTESY CALLS.

5. IF IT HAS TO BE, IT HAS TO BE, BUT WE HAVE SERIOUS
RESERVATIONS THIS IS WAY TO DEVELOP MEANINGFUL TYPE OF
PROGRAM SET FORTH IN REF C. SEEMS TO US FAR BETTER TO
DEVOTE NOMEMBER TO IDENTIFYING EMERGENCY DROUGHT NEEDS FOR
NEXT YEAR (TECHNICAL TEAM AND MULTI-DONOR MISSION) WHICH ARE
OUR HIGHEST PRIORITY SO WE CAN GET ON WITH PLANNING OF
EMERGENCY FOOD REQUIREMENTS AND THEN IN DECEMBER FOCUS
ON MID- AND LONG-TERM PLANNING. GON CANNOT COPE
WITH BOTH TASKS IN NOVEMBER; IT MIGHT COME THROUGH
REASONABLY WELL IF IT CAN ADDRESS MORE BASIC DEVELOPMENT
ISSUES IN DECEMBER.HECK

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